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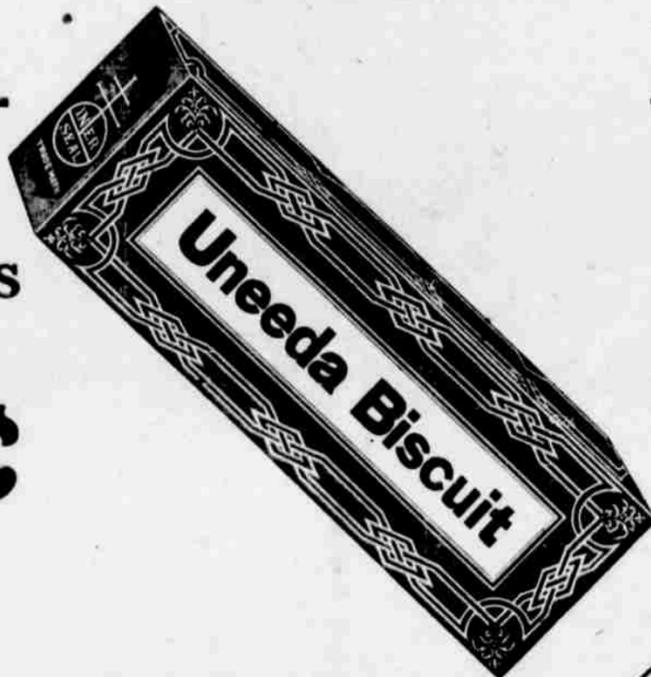
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A Regular Bookworm.
 The story is told of a certain multi-millionaire whose early education had been somewhat neglected who, finding himself rich, built a fine mansion and asked a friend to procure for him a library of books. The friend observed and received a letter of thanks thus worded: "I am much obliged to you for selecting the books for me. I particularly admire a grand religious poem about Paradise by a Mr. Milton and a set of plays quite delightful by a Mr. Shakespeare. If these gentlemen should write and publish any thing more be sure and send me their new works."—Denver Republican.

His Virgil and Poetry.
 "You ought to remember," said a worthy member in a boy bawling over a passage of Virgil, "that you are translating poetry."
 "It's not poetry when I translate it," said the boy with pathetic veracity.—A. C. Benson in Journal of English Studies.

Envy.
 "Blighness is one of those who envy others the slightest elevation above ordinary surroundings."
 "Yes. His family can't eat a meal without being afraid he'll get jealous of the baby and want the high chair."—Washington Star.

The Usual Way.
 "Billy Weldon is dead."
 "Poor chap. Let's get busy now and say a lot of the slow things about him that he would have been glad to hear."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Consent.
 "It is that, my son, which causes a man to think he can beat a frog swimming of a widow at her own game."—Judge.

Fault of the Auto.
 Hiram—The doctor says Ears is suffering from auto-intoxication. Silas—Guess that's it, b'gosh! The feller acted just like any one else until he got that automobile.—Judge.

PARISIAN SHARPERS.

A Decoy Bishop Who Happened to Be Caught ON His Guard.
 It should not be supposed that the get-rich-quick man is confined to this country. In fact, there are those who assert that alongside the average Australian promoter American sharpers are in the infant class. Here is a sample of French methods in such cases which may be characterized as spectacular at least.

A concern known as the Auxiliaries Internationales was launched recently, and those who attended the organization meeting found themselves facing a dignified chairman dressed in a clerical costume. On inquiry they were told that the prelate who had consented to lend his presence and influence to this worthy ecleciastical enterprise was the bishop of Autloch.

Everybody was enormously impressed, and there is no telling what a golden harvest would have been reaped if one restless would-be investor had not chanced to stroll back into the meeting room after the affairs of the day were concluded. There sat the bishop of Autloch, his spectacles pitched over a chair and a large black cigar in the corner of his mouth, discussing with one of his associates the best system for roulette.

The police who raided the next meeting discovered that the bishop of Autloch was a maître d'hôtel, who received 6 shillings an hour for playing his episcopal part.—New York Post.

A YAWN AND A STRETCH.

They Help the Nerves and Muscles and Rest the Whole Body.

Did you know that a good, wide-open mouthed yawn is a splendid thing for your whole body? Think of the opinion of an English hygienist.

It is one of nature's most evident demands for a rest. Some people think they yawn because they are sleepy but that is not so. They yawn because they are tired. They may be

sleepy, too, but that is not the restoration of their yawning. You yawn because you are tired, and you yawn because you are tired.

Whenever you feel like yawning just go ahead and yawn. Don't try to suppress it unless you are out in very formal society, where your hostess would be grieved.

If you can stretch at the same time that you yawn do that, too, for it is another way of nature's stretching and relaxing the muscles. Indeed, if you are very tired and do not feel like yawning there is nothing that will rest you so quickly as to sit on a straight-backed chair and lift the feet from the floor, push them out in front of you as far as possible, stretch out the arms and put the head back.

Then open the mouth and make your self yawn. Your tense nerves will relax, the contracted muscles will stretch and the whole body will be rested. Chicago Tribune.

No Inventions—Barbarism.
 What would the world be today without invention?

The most vivid imagination could not picture the state of trade, industry and society if no ingenuity in the various fields of human endeavor had been exercised during the ages.

The world today would be stagnant in all things in which it is active and progressive if genius, enjoying full play and granted adequate rewards, had not provided thousands of able to every phase of human activity. Scholars and philosophers talk of the dark ages, when man was but little removed from a dumb animal. Yet those ages would have been prolonged had not inventive genius in countless ways, generation after generation, added to the enlightenment of humanity and to its comfort and well being.—Judge.

His First Experience.
 "So your boy Jim has de-ides" (said a dentist, eh?" said Mr. Billings, meeting Uncle Silas at the postoffice.
 "Yass," said the old farmer.
 "How did he ever discover that he had a liking for it?" asked Mr. Billings.
 "Oh, he waster help me pull'n' stones out o' the caw pasture," said the old man.—Harper's Weekly.

Almanacs in Pepsy's Time.
 The almanacs of Mr. Pepsy's time were overwhelmingly of the prognostication order, and he enjoyed them much as we enjoy "Old Moore" now. Thus, on June 14, 1667, "we read and laughed at Lily's prophecies this month in his 'Almanac' this year." The prophet certainly seems to have made a record bad shot. For, as the Lord Braybrooke notes, he observed: "The several lunations of this month do rather portend sea fights, wars, etc. than give hopes of peace, particularly the several configurations do very much threaten Holland with a most strange and unusual loss at sea, if they shall dare to fight his majesty's forces. . . . Strange news out of Holland, as if all were in an uproar. We believe they are now in a sad and fearful condition." And June, 1667, saw the Dutch in the Medway.—London Express.

Ruskin on Doctors' Fees.
 The problem of the doctor and his fee was admirably stated by Ruskin in his "Crown of Wild Olive." Writing of doctors, he said: "They like fees, no doubt, ought to like them—yet if they are brave and well educated the entire object of their lives is not fees. They, on the whole, desire to cure the sick and—if they are good doctors and the choice were fairly put to them—would rather cure their patient and lose their fee than kill him and get it. And so with all other brave and rightly trained men their work is first, their fee second—very important always, but still second."—London Standard.

Philosophic Little Harry.
 "Oh, mamma!" exclaimed little Harry, all out of breath, "I've just been playing with the Wilson children, and they've been exposed to the mumps. Now can I eat all the cake I want, 'cause I'm gosh' to be sick any-how?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Cutting It Short.
 Barber (beginning the hair cut)—Have you heard the story about the guy that (resuming business)—want it short, sir? Customer (a tired editor)—Yes. A terse synopsis will do.—Judge.

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